Telecast Of Krishna Janamashtmi Festivals

6740. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Programmes relating to festivals like Krishna Janamshtmi etc. are telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) whether Doordarshan has neither given adequate time to telecast the programmes relating to Ganeshostsav celebrated in Maharashtra and the time provided to Ganeshostsav on National Network during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide adequate time for telecast of the programmes relating to Ganeshutsav during the year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e). Doordarshan telecast suitable programmes on important festivals including 'Krishna Janamashtmi' and 'Ganesh Utsav' from time to time. The coverage of celebrations of these festivals at various parts of the country found place in its news bulletins and through special programmes. During 1989 and 1990, the following four programmes were telecast in the National network on the occasion of 'Ganesh Utsav';

(i) A TV report for a duration of 18.09 mts. on 29.10.89;

(ii) Programme titled "Ek Dant The Eternal' for a duration fo 20 mts. on 24.08.90;

(iii) 'Ganesh Stuti'- a devotional music programme for a duration of 10 mts. on 04.09.90; and

(iv) 'Ganpati Visarjan' a TV Report for a duration of 20 mts. on 06.09.90. This year also, it is envisaged to mount an appropriate programme on the occasion in addition to covering th celebrations suitably.

Construction Of Houses Under Indira Awas Yojna

6741. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to pay cash to the beneficiarties of Indira Awas Yojana under the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana for construction fo houses;

(b) the number of persons to whom the amount of assistance provided in 1990-91 and upto July of 1991-92; and

(c) the total number of houses constructed during 1990-91 in the country and the targets fixed for this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Implementation, monitoring and supervision of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) works including Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), a sub-scheme of JRY, is done by the State Agencies. Under IAY engagement of Contractors is strictly prohibited in the construction of IAY houses. Nor do the central guidelines permit their construction departmentally. These houses are required to be constructed by the beneficiaries themselves by marking their own arrangements. Assistance under IAY is not required to be given in lump sum to the beneficiaries. Payments to the beneficiaries are to be made in instalments on a staggered